

Commercial Walking Tours

CASCADE CAVE

(MUST PURCHASE TICKETS > 15+ MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER,
SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME.

ALL TOURS BEGIN AT CASCADE CAVE.
LOCATED 3.6 MILES FROM THE WELCOME CENTER.
(Driving directions below.)
TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest caves to be found in Carter County. Visitors often remark on its large passageways and on the grandeur of its formations. The walking tour will bring visitors through the “heart” of the cave – Cascade Cave, through a cave collapse valley into North Cave, and before departing – over to a 30+ ft. underground waterfall. While on a tour visitors can hope to learn about the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

Monday—Friday: 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tours will be scheduled between these times. Tour times may vary during the season depending upon demand and staffing levels. *It is possible for some tour times to fill up quickly.*

WALKING DISTANCE

& DIFFICULTY: 3/4 mile with 225 stair steps, some stooping

DURATION: About 75 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: \$10 —age 13 & up
\$ 6 —age 3-12 FREE—age 2 & under

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is appx. 3.6 miles from the Welcome Center. Leave main parking lot, turn left. At the park entrance turn right onto Rt. 182. In appx. 1.6 miles you will turn right onto Rt. 209. Cascade Cave parking lot will be located appx. 0.6 miles on the left.

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X CAVE

(SUGGEST PURCHASING TICKETS > 15 MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.
ALL TOURS BEGIN IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

X Cave is comprised of two narrow, vertical joint-passageways. These passageways differ so that it seems as if you are walking through two separate geologic creations rather than a singular cave. While inside visitors will learn of the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

Monday—Friday: 1:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tours will be scheduled between these times. Tour times may vary during the season depending upon demand and staffing levels. *It is possible for some tour times to fill up quickly.*

WALKING DISTANCE

& DIFFICULTY: About 1/4 mile with 75 stair steps, some stooping, narrow passages

DURATION: About 45 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 40-65 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: \$ 8 —age 13 & up
\$ 5 —age 3-12 FREE—age 2 & under

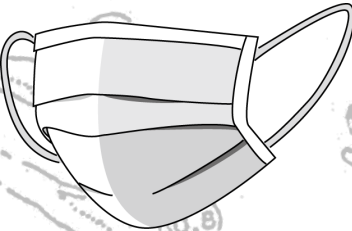
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ◆ Guided cave tours are led by trained Interpretive Staff Members.
- ◆ Cave tours are unscripted, varying from one tour guide to the next. Topics generally covered include history, geology, cave ecology, etc.
- ◆ Conditions within each cave vary daily. To be best prepared visitors should dress according to the weather conditions outside. Most visitors prefer wearing a light jacket while on tours.
- ◆ Comfortable walking shoes with good tread are recommended. Avoid flip-flops, crocs and other low-tread shoes as some surfaces may be wet/slick.

Covid-19 NOTICE

Currently, there are no mask mandates in effect for cave tours. However, it is possible that this could change at anytime without notice. Carter Caves will follow any mask mandates in effect on the date of your visit.

Masks are recommended in buildings but currently not required.



- ◆ Follow us on FaceBook
- ◆ Come visit the Gift Shop at the Park for souvenirs and gifts for every one.
- ◆ We have 30 + miles of trails highlighting natural bridges, arches, caves, sinkholes, cliffs and a box canyon. We have hiking trails and multi-use trails for horses and mountain biking.
- ◆ Tierney’s Cavern restaurant is open check with the front desk for operating hours.
- ◆ Come Stay over night in the Lodge, Cottages or Campground



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Self-Guided Caving

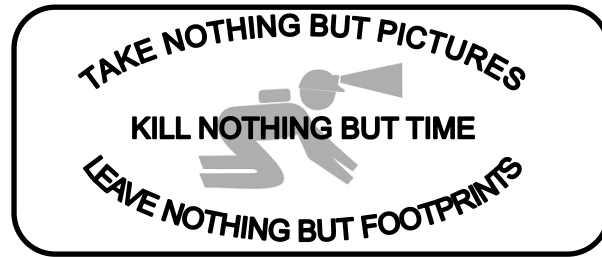
HORN HOLLOW CAVE

(SELF-GUIDED CAVE EXPLORATION)

PERMIT REQUIRED - PERMITS GIVEN OUT AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Horn Hollow Cave system is a self-guided cave exploration opportunity available at Carter Caves. To enter this cave, visitors must first obtain a permit (free) from the Welcome Center. Permits for Horn Hollow are available year-round, however, issuance is weather-dependent. Laurel Cave is currently closed due to the federally endangered Indiana Bats that will be using that cave to hibernate. *Laurel Cave reopens on May 1, 2022*

REQUIREMENTS: Visitors must have at least one other person in their group, wear closed-toe shoes, and provide their own working flashlight (cell phones cannot be used as a light source). More information available at the Welcome Center.



GROUP SCHEDULING

as CDC guidelines allow

Organizations with large groups of people (20+ individuals) may schedule privately led cave tours or activities through the Office of Interpretation. Call us today at (606) 286-7009 to find out what activities we offer that will best suit the needs of your group.

Rates and availability will vary.
\$100 minimum for all private programming.

Lodging, dining, venue reservations, and other group scheduling needs can be met by our Group Sales Coordinator. Ph. (606) 286-7004

White-Nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease that is killing 70-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves. WNS does not have any effect on humans, livestock, or pets, only hibernating bats. WNS was first noted in some caves across the park in February 2013.

REQUIRED POST-TOUR DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

All CCSRP cave tour participants will be *required* to participate in a post-tour WNS decontamination procedure. This procedure will insure that the bottom of both shoes of each participant are treated with a mixture of Woolite and water. This process may help prevent the spread of the spores which cause WNS.

NOTE: Please review these *required* post-tour procedures before the purchase of any cave tour tickets.

PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

- ⇒ **Pets** (service animals, as recognized by the ADA, are permitted)
- ⇒ Use of any **tobacco products** and/or vaping
- ⇒ **Strollers** (due to narrow passages and stairs)
- ⇒ Touching or handling cave formations
- ⇒ **Removing anything from the cave**
- ⇒ **Touching formations**

NO REFUNDS are issued for cave tour tickets.

PICTURE TAKING IS PERMITTED ON CAVE TOURS AT CCSRP

- ⇒ **No flash photography on the bats**



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CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK CAVE TOUR SCHEDULE



SPRING SCHEDULE

March 21 thru May 27, 2022

Cave tour schedules always available online at
PARKS.KY.GOV

Founded in 1946, Carter Caves State Resort Park is home to an expansive system of natural caves. Some of these caves are open to the public for viewing and exploration at various times throughout the year.

Look inside this schedule for tour descriptions, tour times, and prices!

Visitors may purchase cave tour tickets inside of the Gift Shop at the Welcome Center. Tickets are sold by day—there are no reservations or advance sales.

Cave tour tickets are non-refundable.

Carter Caves - Important Phone Numbers

Front Desk:	(606) 286-4411
Office of Interpretation:	(606) 286-7009

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE